

ABSTRACT

This inventory of the natural areas, biological communities, and rare species of Sampson County was funded by the North Carolina Natural Heritage Trust Fund. This inventory identifies the most significant natural areas in the county, describes their features, and documents all known natural communities and rare species of plants and animals associated with them. Habitat conditions, natural processes, and threats are also described. This inventory is intended to provide guidance for land use decisions by the county government, conservation and land management organizations, private land owners, and interested citizens. It also provides information on management and protection opportunities available to landowners. Field work was supervised by the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program (NC NHP), and carried out in 2005 and 2006. The inventory identifies and describes 17 standard sites (natural areas) and one macrosite of natural significance at the national, state, regional, or county level, as determined by criteria developed by the NC NHP.